



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Kouji SHIRAHASHI et al.

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For: PROCESS FOR DESULFURIZATION OF EXHAUST GAS WITH SEAWATER

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Examiner: Timothy C. Vanoy

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD
OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: April 16, 2003

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner dated October 16, 2002 finally rejecting claims 1-4.

The items checked below are appropriate:

1. ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time for responding to the final rejection is filed herewith on April 16, 2003, for 3 months.
2. ☒ A timely response to the final rejection is also filed herewith, as provided in 37 C.F.R. §1.111.
3. ☐ Fee \$ 320.00 or ☒ Small Entity \$ 160.00
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☐ Not required (fee paid in prior appeal)
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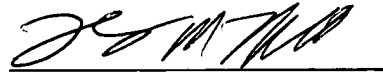
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In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper **referencing Atty. Docket No. 100021-00030.**

Respectfully submitted,



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